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Applicants : Marc Feldmann and Ravinder N. Maini  
Serial No. : 09/754,004 Examiner: P. Gambel  
Filed : January 3, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1644  
For : TNF $\alpha$  ANTAGONISTS AND METHOTREXATE IN THE  
TREATMENT OF TNF-MEDIATED DISEASE

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO  
AUGUST 13, 2002 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement issued August 13, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 13, 2002 Office Action is due September 13, 2002. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required, under 35 U.S.C. §121, election of a single disclosed species from the previously elected category of autoimmune disease.

In response, applicants hereby elect with traverse the species of psoriatic arthritis for prosecution, in the event no generic claim is held allowable. Psoriatic arthritis is recited in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 7, line 11.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned

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attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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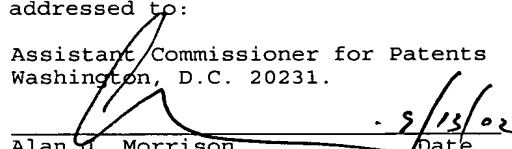
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